Graduation Matters Montana – Challenge Fund 2013

The Montana Office of Public Instruction received a grant the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation to establish the Graduation Matters Montana (GMM) Challenge Fund. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to Montana public schools for existing GMM initiatives and for new GMM initiatives through a competitive application process. Before you complete this application, please watch this brief webinar. For further assistance, please contact Abby Coburn, OPI at 444-5643 or graduationmatters@mt.gov.

Applications are due by Feb 26, 2013. Award determinations will be announced March 26, 2013.

Please provide the following information

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Name:
Position:
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I am applying for funds as:
O existing GMM community
O a new GMM initiative
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I have watched the GMM webinar. (Must watch the webinar and check yes prior to completing this application.)
O Yes
O No
1. Program Need: Please complete the following tables to indicate dropout count and dropout rate for the past three years. You can add additional schools if need be. If you need

assistance with locating this data, you can contact Andy Boehm, OPI at 444-0375 or aboehm@mt.gov (and mention you need it for the GMM Challenge Fund application).

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students drop o	dropout problem? (2) Which students are at high risk of dropping ut? (4) When are students at risk of dropping out? (5) What key in the contract of the contra	nsights do you derive from
looking at your	data, and how is that influencing the focus of your GMM plan? (5	UU words or less)
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3. Additional Information - Optional Is there anything else you'd like to add regarding program need? (500 words or less)
4a. GMM Goal What are your GMM goals for this grant? The first two goals must be addressed; you can add additional ones if you would like.
Reduce the number of students who drop out by (identify the number or % of students and the target date)
Decrease the number of students who are credit deficient by (identify the number or % of students and the target date)
Please add additional goals as you see fit. Possible goals may include: Increase by (number and/or rate) students who enroll in college upon graduation; build new community/business/school partnerships; have students take the I Pledge to Graduate; institute/strengthen the following interventions: (advisories, attendance monitoring/follow-up, early warning systems)
4b: If you received GMM Challenge Grant funding last year, please describe specific outcomes you achieved in 2012.
How many students did not drop out this year as a result of your GMM work?
How many students decreased their credit deficiencies as a result of your GMM work?
How many community/business/school partnerships did you develop?
How many students took the I Pledge to Graduate?

4c. If you are an exi of your GMM work?	sting GMM initiative, what new	programs/intervention/activitie	es were launched as a result
4d. If you are an exirelated to your GMN	sting GMM initiative, what new livers?	critical insights or learning did	you gain this past year
_	ctivities are eligible for GMM fur ad provide budget allocations.	nding. Please indicate which a	ctivities you plan to use GMM
	Yes	No	Amount
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Stipends for current staff and/or existing school team to coordinate GMM activities	0	0	
Stipend/contract for external facilitator to convene school/community			
businesses	0	0	

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Program expenditures to

promote GMM initiative

Program expenditures to promote I Pledge to

Program expenditures for ongoing professional

Graduate event(s)

development

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5b. Other If you plan to use funds for activities other than those listed in 5a, please describe them here, and the amount you plan to allocate for the activity.				
5c. Total amount Re	equested:			
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6. Please describe h	low you plan to use the	funds for the activities	identified above. (1000) words or less)
		tivities, using this forma		
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Data				
Plan				
Promotion				
Other				

support this application. The first five are mandatory for application. If you have identified business and community organization partners, please add them here
School Board Chairperson
District Superintendent
Middle School/High School Principal(s)
Teacher Representative(s)
Student Representative(s)
Do you have additional supporters you would like to add?
O Yes O No
Please list additional supporters:
9. GMM Plan If you already have a GMM plan, please email it to graduationamatters@mt.gov.

9. GMM Plan If you already have a GMM plan, please email it to graduationamatters@mt.gov. If you do not yet have a plan, you will be expected to complete one in the first three months of the grant period. (NOTE: It is not necessary to have a plan in place prior to receiving funds.) There is a sample GMM Plan on the website under Resources

10. GMM Team If you already have a GMM Team established, please email its membership with organizational affiliation to graduationmatters@mt.gov